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Institutional Advancement

Request for Proposals Announcements

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Please contact the Office of Corporation and Foundation Relations if you plan to pursue any of these RFPS in order to obtain clearance to approach or if you need additional information. Thanks!

Arts & Culture

Levitt Foundation

Application Deadline: October 10, 2016

The foundation will host an informational webinar on August 3, 2016, from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. (P.T.).

Website: <https://grant.levittamp.org/about/>

The Levitt AMP Music Series was created in 2014 by the Levitt Foundation, a pioneer in the creative placemaking movement. Levitt AMP brings the joy of free, live music to people of all ages and backgrounds living in small to mid-sized towns and cities, transforming neglected public spaces into thriving community destinations.

To that end, the foundation has issued a Call for Applications for its 2017 Levitt AMP [Your City] Grant Awards program.

Grants of up to \$25,000 in matching funding will be awarded to a minimum of ten U.S.-based 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations, or municipalities partnering with a nonprofit, to present the Levitt AMP [Your City] Music Series, a minimum of ten free outdoor concerts presented over ten consecutive weeks between May 1 and November 15, 2017.

To be eligible, all proposed Levitt AMP [Your City] Music Series must take place within the United States, in small to mid-sized towns and cities with populations of up to 400,000 people, or within a metro area with a population of no more than one million. For towns or cities located within a metro area with a population that exceeds one million, the town or city must be at least twenty-five miles from the anchor city of the metro area.

In addition, applicants must display a successful track record of presenting professional quality concerts or community events, or apply with a partner organization or individual that has done so. Applicants must also demonstrate dollar-for-dollar matching funds from other sources such as foundations, municipalities, 501(c)(3) nonprofits, businesses, etc.

American Music Therapy Association

Application Deadline: May 5, 2017

Website: <http://www.musictherapy.org/research/fultz/>

The American Music Therapy Association, a professional association dedicated to the progressive development of the therapeutic use of music in rehabilitation, special education and community settings, is accepting applications for the annual Arthur Flagler Fultz Award.

The award is designed to encourage, promote, and fund music therapy research and to explore new and innovative music therapy treatments. The fund supports research in the field of music therapy in the areas of clinical research and health services research.

1) Clinical research: Grants in this category support projects that are designed to assess the efficacy of music therapy interventions and help define best practice.

2) Health services research: Grants in this category support projects that are designed to assess the role of music therapy practice in the context of emerging healthcare delivery models.

A single grant of \$15,000 will be awarded to a project in either of the above categories.

To be eligible, the project's primary investigator must be an AMTA member in good standing.

Education

I Love My Librarian Award

Application Deadline: September 19, 2016

Website: <http://www.ilovelibraries.org/lovelymylibrarian>

The Carnegie Corporation of New York/New York Times I Love My Librarian Award encourages United States library users to recognize the accomplishments of exceptional public, school, and college librarians. Administered by the American Library Association, the program seeks nominations for the award that describe how a librarian is improving the lives of people in a school, campus, or community.

Up to ten winners will be selected to receive a \$5,000 cash award, a plaque, and \$500 travel stipend to attend the awards reception in New York.

Nominees must be a librarian with a master's degree from an ALA-accredited program in library and information studies or a master's degree with a specialty in school library media from an educational unit accredited by the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education. Nominees currently must be working in the U.S. in a public library, a library at an accredited two- or four-year college or university, or at an accredited K-12 school.

Nominators of public librarians must be public library users. Nominators of librarians in college, community college, or university libraries must be users of those libraries (e.g., students, faculty, or staff members). Nominators of school library media specialists must be library users (e.g., students, teachers, school administrators or staff members, or parents or caregivers of children at schools where the school library media specialist works).

Environment

V. Kann Rasmussen Foundation

Application Deadline: September 14, 2016 (Letters of Inquiry)

Website: <http://www.vkrf.org/content/apply-funding>

The V. Kann Rasmussen Foundation was founded with the aim of strengthening environmental research, including research on climate change, unsustainable consumption, and loss of biodiversity. The foundation works primarily in the United States, but only on national- and international-level issues. Since its establishment in 1991, the foundation has awarded approximately \$140 million in grants to a hundred and sixty organizations.

The foundation gives priority in its grantmaking to projects that take stock of the scale of environmental problems; use a systems approach to achieve change; link policy, advocacy, and practical solutions; have international significance and perspective (even if U.S.-based); and incorporate original thinking and creative ideas. Currently, the foundation is considering projects or tools that promote ecosystem resilience and restoration of relevance to large geographic areas, including countries and continents; natural greenhouse gas sequestration and storage with large-scale impact potential; agro-biodiversity; and economic models of living within global limits and the practical implementation of changes needed to achieve sustainable consumption/production and a stable global ecosystem.

Projects that communicate value-based living; new initiatives aimed at enhancing international cooperation and knowledge-sharing; and next generation leadership are also encouraged.

The foundation typically supports small or midsize organizations with proven leadership in developing strategy, communicating a vision, and executing projects. The foundation does not provide general operating support.

Health & Medical Research

Autism Science Foundation (Two RFPs)

1. Application Deadline: October 3, 2016

Website: <http://autismsciencefoundation.org/what-we-fund/apply-for-a-research-accelerator-grant/>

As part of this mission, ASF is inviting applications for its Research Accelerator Grants program. Grants awarded through the program are designed to expand the scope, speed the progress or increase the efficiency, and improve final product dissemination of active autism research. The foundation will award grants of up to \$5,000 to enhance, expand, and enrich grants currently funded by other sources (including ASF). All projects must have prior IRB approval, and no portion of the funds can be applied to indirect university costs.

2. Application Deadline: November 18, 2016

Informational Conference Call: September 8, 2016 12:00 pm EST

Participation on the conference call is NOT required for application. The call in number is: 866-906-9888 and the participant code is 2574613#

Website: <http://autismsciencefoundation.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/12/2017RFAPrePostDocTrainingGrant.docx-1.pdf>

The Autism Science Foundation invites applications for its Pre- and Postdoctoral Training Awards from graduate students, medical students and postdoctoral fellows interested in pursuing careers in basic and clinical research relevant to autism spectrum disorders.

The proposed training must be scientifically linked to autism and may be broadened to include training in a closely related area of scientific research. Autism Science Foundation will consider for training purposes all areas of related basic and clinical research including but not limited to: human behavior across the lifespan (language, learning, behavior, communication, social function, motor skills & planning, epilepsy, sleep, repetitive disorders), neurobiology (anatomy, development, neuroimaging), pharmacology, neuropathology, genetics, epigenetics, genomics, epigenomics, immunology, molecular and cellular mechanisms, studies employing model organisms and systems, and studies of treatment and service delivery.

Special consideration will be given to projects focusing on gender issues in autism. This includes studies examining the female protective effect, neurobiological and neuroanatomical examination of the female autism brain, diagnostic differences and challenges in females, the female phenotype, and health and lifespan issues including vocational services and employment. ASF also invites studies focused on unaffected siblings and recurrence risk in the offspring of unaffected siblings. ASF is also interested in supporting research on the neurobiology and molecular biology of autism using post-mortem brain tissue.

American Physical Therapy Association

Application Deadline: December 31, 2016

Website: <http://www.aptahpa.org/?page=34>

The American Physical Therapy Association is seeking applications for projects that stimulate, encourage, and support research activities that enhance the body of knowledge related to health policy, clinical administration, global health, and the use of technology in physical therapy. The program is administered by the Section on Health Policy & Administration.

Catalyst grants of up to \$15,000 will be awarded to support new physical therapist investigators or established investigators who are embarking on a new research agenda in the areas of physical therapist practice, leadership, administration, or education. Grants may be renewable (no-cost extension) for up to a year.

To be eligible, applicants must be an APTA Health Policy & Administration section member. Collaborative research with non-section members is permissible as long as the principal investigator is a member of the Section on HPA.

Angelman Syndrome Foundation

Application Deadline: October 15, 2016

Website: http://www.angelman.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/11/ASF_Open_Call_for_Research_Proposals.pdf

The Angelman Syndrome Foundation's mission is to advance the awareness and treatment of Angelman syndrome, a neurodevelopmental disorder caused by deficiency of the ubiquitin protein ligase UBE3A in the brain. The foundation advances this mission through education and information, research, and support for individuals with Angelman syndrome, their families, and other concerned parties.

To help advance this mission, the foundation is accepting proposals for preclinical, translational, and clinical research that investigates any or all aspects of Angelman syndrome. Priority will be given to pilot projects aimed at testing new ideas about the pathogenesis and therapeutics of Angelman syndrome, translational research, and clinical research studies. Of particular interest to ASF are studies related to communication, behavioral issues, and identification of issues and treatments that impact the daily life of people with Angelman syndrome and their families.

One- or two-year grants of up to \$100,000 per year will be awarded, and researchers from all countries are encouraged to apply.

Society for Academic Emergency Medicine Foundation

National Psoriasis Foundation

Application Deadline: October 12, 2016

Website: https://www.psoriasis.org/sites/default/files/2017_discovery_rfp.pdf

The National Psoriasis Foundation is seeking applications focused on advancing innovative research into psoriasis and psoriatic arthritis.

Grants of up to \$75,000 will be awarded to support researchers while they explore preliminary ideas and conduct proof-of-concept experiments. The goal of the program is to stimulate the development of new research programs in the field of psoriatic disease capable of competing for long-term funding from the National Institutes of Health (or other agencies) in the future. Researchers with a specific focus on psoriatic arthritis, public health, and co-morbidities are strongly encouraged to apply.

To be eligible, the principal investigator must be personally and actively responsible for the conduct of the proposed research and eligible to apply for research grants under the guidelines of the applicant's host institution. The principal investigator need not be a citizen of the United States.

Conquer Cancer Foundation

Application Deadline: September 22, 2016

Website: <https://www.conquercancerfoundation.org/career-development-award>

CCF is accepting applications for its Career Development Award, an annual research program that provides funding to clinical investigators who have received their initial faculty appointment to establish an independent clinical cancer research program. A single grant of \$200,000 over three years will be awarded in support of a patient-oriented project such as a clinical research study or translational research involving human subjects. Projects with a focus on in vitro or animal studies (even if clinically relevant) will not be considered.

To be eligible, applicants must be a physician (M.D., D.O., or international equivalent) who is within the first to third year of a full-time primary faculty appointment in a clinical department at an academic medical institution. Grant applications from candidates with existing career development awards (such as K23, K08, or any other type of career development award) will not be considered for funding.

American Tinnitus Association

Application Deadline: November 15, 2016

Website: <http://www.ata.org/research-toward-cure/research-program/apply-grant>

ATA will award grants of up to \$50,000 per project, per year, for innovative, high-quality research that substantively contributes to the scientific understanding of tinnitus and advances the search for a cure. Proposals are measured against ATA's "Roadmap for a Cure," a framework for how tinnitus research can best — and most rapidly — be used to achieve a definitive cure for tinnitus.

Scientists, academics, and healthcare professionals who are affiliated with nonprofit medical and research institutions are eligible to apply

American Psychological Foundation

Application Deadline: April 2, 2017

Website: <http://www.apa.org/apf/funding/visionary.aspx>

APF Visionary Grants are designed to fund innovation by supporting research, education, and intervention projects and programs that use psychology to solve social problems in four priority areas: understanding and fostering the connection between behavior and physical health to ensure well-being; reducing stigma and prejudice to promote unity and harmony; understanding and preventing violence to create a safer, more humane world; and supporting programs that address the long-term psychological needs of individuals and communities in the aftermath of disaster.

To be eligible, applicants must demonstrate competence and the capacity to execute the proposed work and be affiliated with a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.

One-year grants of \$20,000 are available for eligible projects.

Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation

Application Deadline: September 1, 2016 (Letters of Intent)

Website: <https://www.moore.org/article-detail?newsUrlName=moore-foundation-announces-call-for-early-career-investigators-in-patient-and-family-engagement>

The Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation has issued a Call for Submissions from early-career investigators to build capacity within the field of patient and family engagement.

Through its Patient Care Program, the foundation will award four grants of up to \$150,000 each over three years for projects at every level of care — from community-based safety, chronic disease management, and preference sensitive decision-making to approaches specific to serious illness. The foundation also will consider policy reform efforts and scalable approaches aimed at encouraging and enabling the engagement of patients and their loved ones in their care. To overcome barriers inhibiting adoption of strategies and interventions in patient and family engagement, the foundation sees early-career investigators who are participating in innovative, translational research as catalysts for change.

To be eligible, applicants must be conducting work that has the potential to demonstrate the value of patient and family engagement and remove roadblocks in the field. Prospective candidates should identify a project concept that will advance the field and identify a senior mentor to advise them during the duration of the award. Projects varying in scope and area of interest within patient and family engagement will be considered and are not limited to any single healthcare setting.

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

Application Deadline: September 15, 2016

Website: <http://www.rwjf.org/en/library/funding-opportunities/2016/future-of-nursing-scholars.html>

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation has released a Request for Proposals for its 2017 Future of Nursing Scholars program, an annual program designed to develop the next generation of Ph.D.-prepared nurse leaders committed to a long-term career that advances science and discovery, strengthens nursing education, and brings transformational change to nursing and health care.

The three-year program aims to ensure that the nation has a diverse and well-trained leadership and workforce to build a culture of health across the country in which good health flourishes across all demographics and everyone has access to affordable, quality health care. Future of Nursing Scholars form long-lasting relationships and networks with other scholars in the program, as well as with scholars and fellows in other RWJF programs.

Schools with research-focused Ph.D. programs in nursing are eligible to apply for the program. The school must be committed to facilitating the scholar's completion of the Ph.D. in three academic years. Selected schools will choose the Ph.D. students to be designated as Future of Nursing Scholars. Selected scholars must be a citizen or permanent resident of the United States at the time of award. The scholars selected by the school must also be committed to completing their Ph.D. program in three academic years.

For the 2017 cohort, the program will support up to seventy-five scholars. Each scholar will receive \$75,000 to be used over the three years of the program. The award must be matched by \$50,000 in support from the school, which may be in-kind.

Families of Spinal Muscular Atrophy

Application Deadline: September 2, 2016

Website: <http://www.curesma.org/research-for-researchers/funding-opportunities/basic-research-funding-opportunities/>

Families of SMA has issued a Request for Proposals for research projects that advance current understanding of Spinal Muscular Atrophy disease. Grants of up to \$150,000 will be awarded for novel research related to SMA disease pathology at the molecular, cellular, and biochemical levels; generates key reagents and tools that facilitate drug development and clinical trials; and identifies new therapeutic strategies for SMA.

To be considered, studies should focus on the molecular and biochemical mechanisms regulating SMN expression or mediating SMN function; a greater understanding of the pathophysiology of SMA using well-validated animal or cellular models of the SMA; early proof-of-concept assessments of novel therapeutic approaches for SMA in well-validated animal or cellular models of the disease or on progressing aspects of ongoing preclinical drug programs for SMA towards IND; and work focused on generating research or clinical trial tools for SMA, including new animal models, phenotypic cellular assays, activity assays for SMN function, biomarkers or outcome measures for clinical trials, and newborn screening protocols/technologies.

National Multiple Sclerosis Society

Application Deadline: October 5, 2016

The National Multiple Sclerosis Society mobilizes people and resources to drive research for a cure and address the challenges of everyone affected by MS.

To that end, the society is accepting applications for its Pilot Grant Program, which funds high-risk pilot grants to quickly test novel ideas that may serve to advance its mission of stopping MS progression, restoring function in and improving quality of life for MS sufferers, and preventing MS. The program supports fundamental as well as applied studies, non-clinical or clinical in nature, including projects in patient management, care, and rehabilitation.

One-year grants of up to \$44,000 will be awarded to test innovative, cutting-edge ideas or untested methods, and to gather sufficient preliminary data to apply for longer-term funding.

Researchers who have completed their postdoctoral training are invited to apply. Individuals who are currently postdoctoral fellows or the equivalent, or who are graduate/medical students, are not eligible for support under this program.

Allen Foundation

Application Deadline: December 31, 2016

Website: <https://www.allenfoundation.org/Default.asp?>

The foundation makes grants to projects that benefit nutrition in the areas of education, training and research. Priorities include: (1) nutritional education for mothers during pregnancy and after the birth of their children; (2) training for educators and demonstrators of good nutritional practices; (3) dissemination of healthful nutritional information; and (4) researching connections between diet and health. Multiple awards of up to \$82,000 each (*the foundation made about \$500,000 in grants last year*);

Proposals focusing on solving immediate or emergency hunger and malnutrition problems generally aren't funded.

Science/Technology

Arnold and Mabel Beckman Foundation

Application Deadline: August 15, 2016 (Letters of Intent)

Website: <http://www.beckman-foundation.org/programs/beckman-young-investigators-program-information>

The Arnold and Mabel Beckman Foundation is accepting Letters of Intent for its 2016 Beckman Young Investigator grant program.

The annual program is intended to provide research support to the most promising young faculty members in the early stages of their academic career in the chemical and life sciences, with a focus on fostering the invention of methods, instruments, and materials that will open up new avenues of research in science.

Projects proposed for the program should be truly innovative, high-risk, and show promise for contributing to significant advances in chemistry and the life sciences. They also should represent a departure from current research directions rather than an extension or expansion of existing programs. Proposed research that cuts across traditional boundaries of scientific disciplines is encouraged.

Projects are normally funded for a period of four years. Grants will be in the range of \$750,000 over the term of the project, contingent upon demonstrated progress after the second year of the award.

The program is open to those within the first three years of a tenure-track position, or an equivalent independent research appointment, in an academic or nonprofit institution that conducts research in the chemical and life sciences. Candidates must be a citizen or permanent resident of the United States at the time of application.

LOIs must be received no later than August 15, 2016. Upon review, selected applicants will be invited to submit a complete application. Upon review selected applicants will be invited to submit a second-stage proposal by December 1, 2016.

Simons Foundation (Two RFPs)

1. Application Deadline: September 9, 2016 (First-Stage Proposals)

Website: <https://www.simonsfoundation.org/funding/funding-opportunities/life-sciences/simons-collaboration-on-the-origins-of-life-2017-postdoctoral-fellowship/>

Established by the Simons Foundation to advance our knowledge of the processes that led to the emergence of life, the Simons Collaboration on the Origins of Life supports creative, innovative research on topics such as the astrophysical and planetary context of the origins of life, the development of prebiotic chemistry, the assembly of the first cells, the advent of Darwinian evolution, and the earliest signs of life on earth.

To that end, the collaboration will award grants of up to \$165,000 over three years to support independent research on topics related to the origins of life at one or more laboratories or research institutions in any country. SCOL engages the ideas and creativity of researchers around the world and provides opportunities for investigators to interact with their colleagues in different disciplines and programs. Simons Investigators will be expected to participate fully in SCOL events both online and in person (e.g., webinars, workshops, quarterly meetings, and annual symposia). These opportunities are designed to both strengthen the collaboration and provide the most fruitful mechanism for bringing the growing origins-of-life community together. Applications from all origins-related disciplines are encouraged.

All applicants and key collaborators must hold a Ph.D., M.D., or equivalent degree and have a faculty position or equivalent at a college, university, medical school, or other research facility. Applications may be submitted by scientists in domestic and foreign nonprofit organizations; public and private institutions such as colleges, universities, hospitals, laboratories, units of state, and local government; and eligible agencies of the federal government.

First-stage proposals must be received no later than September 9, 2016. Upon review, selected applicants will be invited to submit a second-stage proposal by December 1, 2016.

2. Application Deadline: September 29, 2016

Website: <https://www.simonsfoundation.org/funding/funding-opportunities/mathematics-physical-sciences/simons-fellow-program/>

The mission of the Simons Foundation is to advance the frontiers of research in mathematics and the basic sciences. To that end, the foundation is inviting applications for the 2016 Simons Fellows Programs in both mathematics and theoretical physics.

Through these fellowship programs, the foundation will award grants of up to \$100,000 to university faculty for up to a semester-long research leave from classroom teaching and administrative obligations, with the goal of helping to boost their creativity and intellectual stimulation. The goal of the program is to make it easier to take such leaves, or to extend sabbatical leaves by an extra half year.

To be eligible, all applicants must have a teaching or administrative position at a college or university in the U.S. or Canada through the term following the leave. In addition, applicants must have a currently active research program.

American Chemical Society

Application Deadline: November 1, 2016

Website: <https://www.acs.org/content/acs/en/funding-and-awards/awards/national/bytopic/acs-award-for-encouraging-women-into-careers-in-the-chemical-sciences.html>

The American Chemical Society is accepting nominations for its ACS Award for Encouraging Women into Careers in the Chemical Sciences.

The annual award recognizes significant accomplishments by an individual who has stimulated or fostered the interest of women in chemistry and/or promoted their professional developments as chemists or chemical engineers.

The award consists of \$5,000 and a certificate. In addition, a grant of \$10,000 will be made to an academic institution, designated by the recipient, to strengthen its activities in meeting the objectives of the award. Up to \$1,500 for travel expenses to the meeting at which the award will be presented will be reimbursed. The Women Chemists Committee of the American Chemical Society will organize the award address.

Nominees for the award may come from any professional setting, including academia, industry, government, or other independent facility.

Other/Multi-Areas

TEGNA Foundation

Application Deadline: August 29, 2016

Website: <http://www.tegnafoundation.org/tfguidelines.html#top>

TEGNA areas served in Texas: Austin, Beaumont, Corpus Christi, Dallas, Houston, San Angelo/Abilene, San Antonio, Tyler, Waco

The TEGNA Foundation supports local organizations in communities served by TEGNA Inc.

Our community action grant priorities include education and neighborhood improvement, economic development, youth development, community problem-solving, assistance to disadvantaged people, environmental conservation and cultural enrichment.

Our average grant amount is in the \$1,000 to \$5,000 range. Grants will **not** be considered for the following purposes:

- individuals
- private foundations
- organizations not determined by the IRS to be a tax-exempt public charity under §501(c)(3)
- organizations classified by the IRS as 509(a)(3)
- national or regional organizations unless their programs address specific local community needs
- programs or initiatives where the primary purpose is the promotion of religious doctrine or tenets
- elementary or secondary schools (except to provide special initiatives or programs not provided by regular school budgets)
- political action or legislative advocacy groups
- endowment funds
- multiple-year pledge campaigns
- medical or research organizations, including organizations funding single disease research
- organizations located in or benefiting nations other than the US and its territories
- fraternal groups, athletic teams, bands, volunteer firefighters or similar groups